

THE MICHIGAN MARINE TRANSPORTATION GRANT PROGRAM

- Michigan has 39 commercial marine transportation facilities (terminals/cargo ports) (U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and MDOT Statistics 2014)
- These cargo ports handle over 70 million tons of cargo. (MDOT Statewide Urban and Travel Analysis 2014)
- The Value of Michigan's waterborne commerce exceeds \$5 billion. (MDOT 2014)
- They are responsible for 6,350 Michigan jobs (U.S. Chamber of Commerce)
- They directly produce: \$347 million in direct business revenue, \$287 million in personal income and \$25 million in local purchases.
- Michigan however only provides \$500,000 annually to support commercial marine operations.
- **Neighboring States** provide significant support:
 - Minnesota: \$22 million allocation (2012), \$14 million allocation (2011), \$15 million allocation (2008)
 - Indiana: \$5 million for its three ports, approximately \$1.7M annually per port.
- **Competitor States** provide even more support than neighboring one:
 - Virginia allocates 4.2% of its Transportation Trust Fund annual revenues to a Port Fund, approximately \$36 million annually.
 - Florida has one of the most progressive port funding mechanisms in the country. Florida uses an annual fixed dollar (\$25 million) from its motor vehicle registration fees to support the Port.
 - Maryland will invest heavily in FY2015, 2016 and 2017, less investment in FY2018, 2019, 2020. Estimated Cost for Port Investment 938 million (Special Funds (transportation trust fund)), 10.1 million (federal funds)
- To meet the competition, Michigan needs to create a Commercial Marine Transportation Grant Program (CMTGP)
- Proposed allocation of \$10 million annually
- Available to all Commercial Marine Terminal
- Modeled on the Wisconsin Program
- Available for:
 - Infrastructure improvements
 - Environmental remediation
 - Modern cargo handling equipment
 - New storage facilities, especially those needed to meet environmental concerns
 - Technology upgrades